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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

MATTHEW D. STRINGER  
Serial No: 09/997,363  
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Exr. A.C. Chin Shue  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003.

This Amendment is being filed in response to the newly cited references and to the new grounds of rejection first presented in the above referenced Office Action. This amendment places the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better condition for appeal. Please amend the application as follows.